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VENDUE.

ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY, in every week, at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be exposed for sale at the Vendue Store (corner of Prince and Water streets

A VARIETY OF

WET & DRY GOODS.

Of which the particulars will be given previous to the sale.

The VENDUE MASTERS will always keep the Store open for the reception of GOODS, and selling of such articles therein between the times of public sales as may be on limitation. They likewise offer their services in transacting any kind of Commission Business.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

April 5th, 1796.

THE SHIP

ALKNOMAC,

Captain JOHN LEMMON,

is now loading at Norfolk, for Amsterdam from whence she will proceed to Liverpool, to take in FALL GOODS, *for the Potomac.* She is a remarkable fine vessel, is almost new, *sails fast*, and is intended for a constant trader between the Potomac and Liverpool and London. Those gentlemen who have Goods for this river, it is expected will write to their correspondents in England, to give her the preference.

W. B. MAGRUDER.

George-Town, March 9. 3t

For Charter,

THE SHIP

SUFFOLK,

A good staunch vessel, burthen about 280 tons, or 350 hhds.—will soon be in complete order to receive a cargo. For terms apply to

WILLIAM WILSON, or
FLETCHER & OTWAY.

Febrnary 25. tf

Freight Wanted,

To Norfolk, New-York, or Rhode-Island.

The Schooner

MAY,

Lying at Harper's wharf, will take 400 barrels on freight. Apply to the captain on board, or

COATS RIDGWAY.

March 7. 2w

Notice.

AGREEABLE to my former advertisement, I shall leave the continent in a short time, this is therefore to give notice, that those indebted to me either by bonds, notes, or otherwise, will please to make payment to my wife, Elizabeth Foley, who is fully authorised to act in my behalf during my absence, and her receipts in my name will be as fully sufficient as from me.

DENNIS FOLEY.

March 9. 3t

For Sale,

A QUANTITY of assorted BAR IRON by the ton or cwt. and a few hundred bushels of ANGUILLA SALT.

L. & C. POWELL.

March 9. tf

THE PARTNERSHIP of SHUCK and PRESTON is this day dissolved by mutual consent—all those to whom they are indebted will please to call for payment, and those indebted to said firm will please come forward and settle their respective accounts.

JACOB SHUCK,
THOMAS PRESTON.

The business in future will be conducted by THOMAS PRESTON, who has now on hand, and will continue to keep an assortment of PLANK, SCANTLING, and all kind of LUMBER, also, Spikes, Nails, and Sprigs of every description. He has now on hand from 5 to 600 Cedar Posts, which he will sell low.

March 8. 3wep

APPRENTICES INDENTURES FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

JUST RECEIVED,
And for sale by the subscriber,
A QUANTITY OF

Women and Men's fine

and coarse SHOES in trunks and casks, will be sold cheap by the package only,

A few coils of Cordage,
Fresh Nutmegs, Cloves, and Raisins.

J. G. LADD.

March 7.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of JAMES M'HENRY, late of the Town of Alexandria, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and such as have any demands upon said Estate, will please to produce them for settlement, to

ANN M'HENRY, Admix.

March 9. 3t

ALL those who have any demands against STEPHEN ALLEY, will please to present their accounts for payment, and those who are indebted to him will please to make immediate payment, as he intends leaving this place in a short time, the accounts of all delinquents will be left in the hands of an attorney for settlement.

March 9. dtf

Twenty Dollars Reward

RAN AWAY, two weeks ago, from the subscriber, living at the Court-house of Montgomery county, State of Maryland, a negro man slave, named NERO, aged about 26 years, 5 feet, 10 or 11 inches high, slender made, very black, has a smooth and rather long face, with a pleasing countenance and soft voice, which is generally accompanied when he speaks with a smile or grin, that discovers an excellent set of teeth. His dress the usual plantation one, jacket, breeches, stockings, &c. but as he is a lying, artful fellow, he will probably change them.

He formerly belonged to, and was raised by, a Mr. Stonestreet, of Charles county, but it is uncertain what course he may steer, —perhaps he is now lurking about George-Town, Alexandria, or the Federal City. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and secures him in any jail so that I get him again, shall be entitled to the above reward, and the same for bringing him home to me, with reasonable traveling expences.

HONORE MARTIN.

N. B. I forewarn all masters of vessels from carrying off said fellow at their peril.

March 2. 3t

Fifteen Dollars Reward

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Charles county on the 1st inst. two negro men, CHARLES and ISAAC. CHARLES is a thin looking fellow, and is very mannerly when spoke to, had on when he went away, a white country cloth over and under jacket, and a black cloth coat, much worn. ISAAC is black and stout, and has lost one of his fore teeth. He took with him clothing similar to Charles's, and also a blue coat, striped waistcoat, and nankeen breeches. Isaac is about 5 feet 10 inches high—I have reason to believe they have Butler's pass. Whoever takes up either of those fellows shall receive 15 dollars for each, and if brought home all reasonable expences paid.

JOHN WARD, of Augustine.

March 9. 3t

Notice.

☞ THE Freeholders of Fairfax county are hereby informed, that on the third Monday in this month, a poll will be opened at the Court-house in Alexandria, for electing a Representative in Congress, for the District, composed of Prince William, Loudoun, and Fairfax.

L. SUMMERS, D. S.

March 11.

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the Estate of JANE MORTON, of Fairfax county, deceased, are requested to bring them in properly authenticated—and those indebted to make immediate payment to

ARCH. MORTON, Adm.

March 11. tf

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office Alexandria on the 1st of March, 1797.

A.—MRS. ARELL, Mount Celia, care of Mr. Longdon, Guy Atkinson.

B.—Solomon Betton, Edward P. Ball, Mr. Berger, Wm. Brown, John Bury, Wm. Banton, Capt. T. Brown, John Bryan, sadler, Thomas Brelar, A. & J. Boone, B. Britton, care of Thomas Mason, silver-smith.

C.—J. Clarke, Peter Carvell, John H. Cosby, silver-smith, Wm. Chapman, Thomas Collans, Jos. Clapham, John Campbell.

D.—Stephen Day, sail-maker, Mr. Dubois, gardener, John Duff, Elijah Davis, hatter, Daniel F. Dulany, John Duffey, comb-maker, Benj. Dulany, James & Elenor Dreon, Peter Dennott, care of Ber. Bryan.

E.—Edward Eno, Capt. Ellwood, Henry S. Earle, Wm. Everard. Edm. Edmonds, Matthew Aikin, at J. Gadsby's.

F.—Wm. Forman, Wm. Fortion, Capt. James Fox, Abraham Faw, Joseph Fulmore, Jonathan Faw.

G.—James Gunning, coach painter, Wm. Gotal, Capt. Caleb Green, Thomas Gastliff, Wm. Green, care of Dennis Foley, Mr. Garrett at Wells & Dalroo's.

H.—Mary Hoffman, care of James Scott Taylor, John H. Hall, Robert Henderson, Margaret Hagerty, James Harper, Wm. Hoffman, Robert Humphreys, John Hewes, ship carpenter, care of Adam Winrow, Wm. Hoye, Wm. Hickman,

J.— Benjamin James, John Italian, Capt. Samuel Jones.

K.—James Keating, C. S. Koing, Caleb Kindell, M. P. care of Benton Riggin, preacher, James Kennedy, merchant, David Keen, James Keating, Ezra Kensey.

L.—Monsieur Labreteseche, Thomas Lowe, Robert Lyle, Isaac Lamborn, care of Thomas Fisher, Monsieur Latour, Adam Linsey, Lewis Labille, upholsterer, Opie Lindsay, Benjamin Lanston, Theo. Lee, John Lonesdon.

M.—Captain Robert Mactnaster, Thomas Mathews, Charles M'Donald, care of Wm. M'Knight, capt. Robert Miller, Alexander M'Kenzie, Jas. M'Clish, Hester Mullikin, care of Bernard Bryan.

O.—Dudley Odlin, John Osbury, Joseph O'Neal Nicholas O'Brie.

P.—Pomeroy & Isabel, Hannah Pahl, care of John King, Wm. Pope, Samuel Price, painter, Daniel C. Puppo, care of Lawrence Swan, Alexander Patterson.

R.—Barton Robey, Philip Russel, Luke Robbins, Dennis Ramsay, Thomas Redmond, John Radford, Nathan Rice, Sophia Rogan, Tho's Richards.

S.—James Stevenson, at Buckland and Muir's, John Smith, black smith, Wm. Steeben at Wm. Hartshorn's, Curtis Sirl, James Staritt, Dr. Swope, Cha's Savage, care of Geo. M'Munn, John Smith, Capt. Wm. Silver.

T.—Robert Taylor, John Troop, Peter Tossler, hatter, Jesse Taylor, John Turner, Joseph Turner, near Spring Garden, Joseph Thornton,

V.—Samuel Vail, Wm. Valandagham, blacksmith.

W.—Lewis Wailes, Levin Colvington Wailes, Adam Winrow, ship carpenter, W. A. Washington, Haywood, Capt. Abel Willis, Capt. H. Webb, care of Mr. Huse ship carpenter, Mr. Woolles, at Conway's wharf, James Wharton, Wm. H. Washington, Revd. James Wilson, Samuel Winter care of Wm. L. Hall, Jesse Wherry.

Z.—Andrew Zelephro.

JAMES M. M'REA, P. M.

UNION BREWERY.

Strong & Table Beer

now ready to be delivered to purchasers at the Union Brew-House.

November 29. tf

IN COUNCIL,
JANUARY 5, 1797.

ORDERED, That the Resolutions passed by the General Assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit be published eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria Newspapers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-Town, and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

By order,
NINIAN PINKNEY,
Clerk of the Council of Maryland.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
December 27, 1796.

1st. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

2d. RESOLVED, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the State of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of July next, and that no interest on any certificate heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

3d. RESOLVED, That such part of the five months pay, due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same until after the end of the next session of assembly.

4th. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit of the emission under the act of June session one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as may be produced and brought into the treasury on or before the first day of July next.

5th. RESOLVED, That if any of the holders of bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act of June session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

6th. RESOLVED, That the above resolutions be published for eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria newspapers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-Town, and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette, that the creditors of the state may be notified that funds are prepared for the discharge of their claims.

By order,
W. HARWOOD, Clk.

Fish Barrels for sale at

the Occoquan Mills of good white oak stuff—the workmanship done in the best manner. Persons applying soon may be accommodated with any quantity. For terms apply to Amos Fisher, in Alexandria, King Street, five doors above Mr. M'Knight's Tavern, or to the subscriber, at the Occoquan Mills.

JOHN FISHER.

February 25. 2wtm

A few tons of Hay, kiln dried Indian Meal in barrels, and three dozen Dryed Hides for sale.——A neat

Two Story House,

with a good kitchen to let, it is situated on the upper end of Duke Street, enquire of

Wm. HARTSHORNE.

Also.——Just Received,
By Wm. HARTSHORNE & SONS,
A few hhds. of Molasses,
and a few tierces of LONDON PORTER.

March 11.

The Columbian Mirror
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

FEDERAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

The House being in a committee of the whole on the report of a select committee on a resolution of the Senate, for obtaining information relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States concerning the suability of states: The select committee did not confine themselves to this single amendment, as reported from the Senate, but went back to the year 1789, when twelve amendments were proposed by Congress; for though they state eleven states out of fourteen had ratified ten of these amendments in the year 1791, yet they were of opinion, that a doubt might arise whether eleven states ought to be considered as the three fourths of fourteen; they therefore wished the President to be requested to make enquiry also from the non-ratifying states on the subject of those ten amendments.

Mr Nicholas said, the resolution of itself was only exceptionable as it had connection with the statement that went before it, in which it was made a question whether the ten last amendments of the twelve proposed by Congress to the states in March 1789, were ever made part of the Constitution. He did not with a doubt to be expressed on this subject. This doubt in the opinion of the committee, it seemed, rested on a supposition that eleven were not three-fourths of fourteen. He could not conceive how any doubt could arise on this subject, since it must be acknowledged by every one that 11 was more than three fourths of 15. If the objection arose from 14 not being divisible in equal fourth parts, it was an objection to the constitution as originally made. It was formed by thirteen states, which was no more divisible into fourths, than 14. On this ground an amendment could never have been made to the constitution. He hoped the chairman of that committee would give them some information on the subject.

Mr. Harper said it was not of much importance whether the committee had doubts, or whether those doubts were well founded. The committee stated they had these doubts. He had them; not whether 11 was three-fourths of 14, according to arithmetical calculation: every school-boy knew, that in that view, 11 was more than three fourths of 14; but it was whether you could make a division of a state. He believed it could not be done; he believed there must be twelve ratifying states, to be three-fourths, as intended by the constitution, because that number would be three-fourths of sixteen, which was the nearest number to fourteen capable of four equal divisions. Whether this doubt was well founded or not, there could be no harm in directing the enquiry to be made; it would be made as soon for thirteen amendments as for one, and if any other state should have ratified the ten amendments in question, all doubts would be removed. Mr. H. noticed an error or two which had escaped the committee in the report.

Mr. Gallatin said, the resolution under consideration went to direct the President to apply to all those states, by whom as far as can be known from the official documents heretofore transmitted, all or any of the amendments at any time proposed by Congress, still remain to be ratified. There could be no occasion to make the enquiry with respect to all these amendments, unless it were taken for granted, that none of them had yet been ratified. He was therefore of opinion with the gentlemen from Virginia, that such an application would be very improper, as bringing the ten last amendments into doubt, which he believed to be as much a part of the constitution, as any other article in it; he also thought them a very valuable part, and not to be trifled with.

But, upon what ground, said Mr. G. do the advocates of this report, prove that 11 is not the three-fourths of 14? The idea was so novel, that he could scarcely understand what principle they adopted in order to create a doubt in their minds on this subject. To him the position that 11 was more than three-fourths of fourteen appeared to be one of those self-evidence axioms which hardly admit of a proof. The principle on which the doubt arose must be so very nice so abstract, that he did not know whether he was capable of comprehending it. Anxious as he was to avoid saying any thing which might be construed as a misstatement, he would however attempt to analize what he conceived to be the ground of the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Harper).

It appeared to him that that gentleman thought that three-fourths in itself was not a fraction of the unit, was not a number conveying to the mind the simple idea of a fraction; but that it was a compound of fractions, and that the only way by which the idea of three-fourths could be conceived was by decomposition. Because the idea of three fourths was by our numerical arithmetic expressed by the two figures 3-4, that gentlemen were unable to conceive what it meant except by decomposition, by dividing the unit into four equal parts and multiplying the result by 3. And if that idea of the three-fourths had happened to be expressed by the fraction nine-twelfths (which was the same thing as 3-4) that gentlemen could not have conceived it except by dividing in the first place the unit into twelve parts and then multiplying the result by nine. In fact he denies the existence of any numerical part of an unit except as it consisted of an aggregate of sub parts as the unit could exactly be divided into.

Thus, when speaking of fourteen states, although he, (Mr. Gallatin) could at once understand that three fourths of fourteen was ten and a half, and therefore (admitting, as he did together with that gentleman that the vote of a state was indivisible) that eleven states were more than ¾ths of the fourteen, the gentleman of S. Carolina proceeded in a different way. The fourth part of fourteen being 3½, he says that as a state cannot be divided, you must take 4 states instead of 3½ for the fourth part of 14, and then multiplying those 4 states by 3 in order to get the three fourths, he concluded that 12 states are the ¾ths of 14, and that 12 states out of 14 are necessary to ratify the amendments. He believed the gentleman would allow that he has not misstated his opinion.

Let us now see, said Mr. G. how this doctrine will operate. It will go to prove, in some instances, that three fourths of a number is greater than the whole. Suppose for instance the case of five states. One fourth of 5 is 1¼; but as the vote of a state cannot be divided, you must call it 2, or as the gentleman expressed it, 5 not being devisible into four equal parts, you must take the nearest number to 5 capable of such division, that is to say 8, the fourth part of which is 2; two therefore, must be considered as the fourth part of five states, and as three multiplied by two is six, it follows according to that gentleman's doctrine, that the three fourths of 5 is 6! Suppose that in the constitution, instead of the expression three fourths, it had been said that nine twelfths were necessary. The number of states when the constitution was framed was thirteen. In that case one twelfth of thirteen being 1 1-12th, you must, the vote of a state being indevisible, call it 2; so that in that way of reckoning, nine twelfths (which is the same thing as three fourths) of 13 is 18! Consequently, the consent of 18 states would have been necessary in order to ratify any amendment to the Constitution of a nation consisting only of 13 states.

Let us, says he, examine a little further. The same part of the constitution which provides for amendments of the constitution, says, that an amendment shall be proposed by two thirds of both Houses of Congress; but he supposed the vote of a man was no more devisible than that of a state. He wished to know, therefore, how the gentleman would on his principle calculate what were the two thirds of the members present when their whole number was not devisible by three.

In making treaties he wished to know what were meant by two thirds of the members of the Senate present? If the number present happened not to be divisible by three, would that gentleman say, that, in that case, the next number above the number present must be taken which would be divisible by three, and that if two thirds of that number did not concur in the vote for the Treaty, no treaty could be ratified? On that principle, in some instances a greater proportion of the senate would be necessary to ratify a treaty, than had been usually understood, according to the generally received opinion of the sense of the constitution in this respect.

Upon the whole, he believed it would be best to reject the report, as, besides the objections alluded to, it was confessedly inaccurate in some of its parts, and adopt the resolution sent from the Senate, which applied only to the amendment respecting the suability of states. If the house meant to go any further, they might introduce the first and second amendments proposed at the same time with the other ten, but which had not yet been ratified.

Mr. Harper said, he would add a word or two to what had been already offered on this subject. He did not know whether the house thought with him on this subject, that it was a doubtful point whether the ten amendments in question had been ratified according to the sense of the constitution. If they did, they would of course vote for the report.—The gentleman from Pennsylvania, he acknowledged, had not only shewn his knowledge in Arithmetic, but also his wit, which had not until now been brought before them. In the enjoyment of the last, he had participated in common with the house.

Mr. Dayton (the Speaker) was in favour of rejecting the resolution reported by the select committee, as it embraced too many objects, and held out a kind of invitation for states to come forward and propose amendments, proposed in 1789, relative to the proportion of representation, never would be agreed to, as it would have mischievous effects. Indeed, if any thing were done with respect to that amendment, he should think it ought to be to request those states which have not adopted it, not to do it, and that those who have agreed to it, to revoke their vote in favour of it.

The resolution reported was negatived, without a division, and that sent from the Senate was agreed to.

PRESIDENT'S BIRTH-DAY.

The natal day of our beloved President has been celebrated this year with unusual eclat; and among the grateful effusions of the moment, the following toasts, drank at Richmond in this state, may be marked for their originality and patriotism.

1. The day, the memorable day which gave to liberty a Champion whom danger could not appal, adverse fortune depress, nor prosperity corrupt.

2. Our illustrious and beloved General, President, and Fellow-Citizen, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

3. The Hero who, for eight years through situations in which the boldest might despair, conducted the armies of Liberty to Victory, Independence, and Peace.

4. The Patriot General who could appease the discontents of a victorious and suffering army, and retire from supreme command to the private duties of a faithful citizen.

5. The Patriot Statesman, who, in obedience to the voice of his country, could without an interested motive, quit the retirement he loved, and risk his well-earned fame in times the most difficult and stations the most responsible.

6. The patriot whose disinterested love of the people, could induce him to risk his popularity to serve them, and to pursue steadily the public good amidst the war of parties and conflict of passions.

7. The genuine American patriot, who loves more than all others his own country, and dares to support her real interest against foreign infidious intrigue or open violence.

8. That patriot whose sense of duty will induce him to fill an office he does not wish, and whose moderation will only permit him to hold the highest stations while his services are indispensable to his country.

9. The Farewell address of George Washington, to his fellow-citizens—May its utility compensate for the loss of his services, and may it, by forming the basis of American politics, preserve to the latest time that fabric he has been so instrumental in rearing.

10. The Spirit of 1776—May the flame which was then kindled, still blaze in the American bosom, and protect her independence from every foe that may assail it.

11. The Republic of France—while with a splendor or exertion unparalleled in the annals of men she asserts her own rights—may she respect the rights of others.

12. The Republic of France—May harmony between France and America be restored on principles consistent with the INDEPENDENCE, the rights and interests of both nations.

13. The Republic of France—May those of either nation who have contributed willingly to sow discord between her and the United States, reap shame and disappointment.

14. The Commerce of the United States—May it prosper and extend unmolested to every quarter of the globe.

15. The memory of those Heroes who fell in the cause of American Liberty—if their spirits be permitted to view what passes in this lower world—may they have no reason to blush for those that survive them, or regret that they have died for us.

16. The fair daughters of Columbia.

After the Governor retired—

The Governor of Virginia.

After passing the afternoon with general happiness and good temper, the company adjourned to the Eagle Tavern, where the evening was closed with an elegant ball.

ANECDOTES.

"NO! (exclaimed a wit of diverting dryness, on hearing the observation that such a one *stoop'd as he went along*) HE STOOP'D BEFORE HE SET OUT."

A young student, shewing the museum at Oxon, to a set of gentlemen and ladies, among other things produced a rusty sword. *This*, says he, *gentlemen, is the sword with which* Balaam *was going to kill his ass.* Upon which one of the company replied, that he thought *Balaam* had no sword, but only wished for one. *You are right*, said the student, *and this is the very sword he wished for.*

An impudent ridiculous fellow being laughed at by all who came in his company, told some of his acquaintance, that he had a happy quality of

laughing at all who laughed at him. Then, said one of them, *you lead the merriest life of any one in Christendom.*

A MIRACLE!

Miss E. Wesson of Templeton, in this state, who has been confined 10 years by sickness, the last 4 of which she has been totally helpless, was on the 19th inst. restored to perfect health. Her right hand had been long withered; but on stretching it forth it became whole.

[Mass. Pap.]

PUBLIC SALE.

On Wednesday next at 1 o'clock, will be sold for cash only, at the Coffee House,

Thirty Thousand Dollars

of MORRIS & NICHOLSON'S Notes, having about 12 months to run.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

March 14.

ADAM LYNN,

Has just received from London, via, Baltimore, an elegant assortment of

JEWELLERY,

Consisting of Gold Medallions, Lockets, Bracelets, Rings, Seals, and Keys, gilt Brastlets, silver set Knee Buckles, plain do. silver pencil and tooth pick cases, silver Thimbles, Pompipole and fleet top do. patent Shoebuckles, a variety of Necklaces.—Also, Pen knives, Scissars, Pocket Books, and Ladies' elegant fleet Watch chains.

He daily expects an addition to his former Lock of Plated Ware.

All kind of Gold and Silver work made in the neatest and most fashionable manner.

An apprentice of respectable connexion will be taken to the above business on liberal terms.

March 14.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscribers on the 9th inst. two apprentices, by trade Taylors.—One named RICHARD STUART, about 19 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high; short sandy hair, which he sometimes wears tied, much freckled in the face—had on and took with him, a fine dark brown cloth coat, with plain steel buttons, double breasted; one dark mixed cloth coat, black cape and buttons, sewed on lapels; one plain breasted buff-coloured vest; one clouded stripe muslin do. one pair striped flannel breeches; one pair Bath coating trousers; two pair of shoes; three white shirts, one cotton; a fine hat; and sundry other apparel. STEPHEN BRANAN, about 19 years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches high, fresh complexion, long hair, which he wears tied; is very fond of dress and company: Had on, and took with him a brown superfine cloth coat, steel buttons with a knob in the middle, and white velvet collar; one striped elastic coat, with metal buttons; one pair of buff cassimere pantaloons; one pair of gingham pantaloons, one pair black cassimere breeches; one pair elastic striped do. one striped silk vest; one red striped cassimere do, one muslin do. a white hat, green underneath; one pair half boots, almost new; two pair of shoes, the one fine, the other coarse; two or three white shirts, one ruffled at the bosom. He is uncle to Stuart, and it is supposed that they are gone towards Norfolk, as the one has a sister, the other a mother in that place. Any person or persons who take up the above deserted apprentices, or secures them in any goal, so that the subscribers get them again, shall receive the above reward, and if brought home, all reasonable charges, by

JAMES CALDER, and
AMES MELVIN,

N. B. Stephen Branan carries a sword with him, and is very flat nosed.—All masters of vessels are forbid harboring or carrying off said apprentices at their peril, as they will be prosecuted as the law directs.

George-Town, (Pot.) March 14.

Drinker & Stansbury,

AT the sign of the Saw, Prince Street, have just received by the Columbia from Liverpool, via Baltimore, an additional assortment of

Ironmongery, Cutlery, & Brass Wares.

They have on hand as useal, Paints, Spirits of Turpentine, Tanner's and Lamp Oil, Window Glass, Soap, Candles, and Tar.

ALSO,

A few bushels of warranted Clover Seed.

March 14.

Alexandria, March 14.

A gentleman of veracity, who came passenger with Capt. Smith, in the ship President, arrived at Baltimore from St. Bartholomews, gives information which tends still further to corroborate our accounts of the hostile disposition of France. He says that just before leaving St. Bartholomews, Capt. Bambridge arrived there from Bourdeaux, in 34 days; and that a Mr. Nesbit, a respectable merchant of that place, had received a letter by this arrival, stating, that by the orders of the Executive Directory, Lord Malmesbury had departed from Paris; that Mr. Pinckney, our Minister Plenipotentiary, had delivered his credentials to the Directory, who for several days had returned no answer, and that he had in consequence quit Paris and come to Bourdeaux, where the opinion was, that as he had not been, he would not be received; and that every slight by the inhabitants of the place, void of insult, was exhibited towards him. This intelligence, he says, was further confirmed by the verbal information of the above captain in his presence; who also said, that Mr. Pinckney was preparing to return to America.

[Fed. Gaz.]

FROM THE MERCHANTS ADVERTISER.

From Capt. Merchant of the schooner Sally, arrived at Philadelphia from St. Bartholomews, we have the following article;

"That previous to his sailing from that port, the ship Hope, Bambridge, of Philadelphia, had arrived there in 38 days from Bourdeaux, the captain of which informed that Mr. Pinckney had been refused by the French Directory, as Minister from the United States, and that the conditions on which he was permitted to reside at Paris were such only as were usually granted to other foreigners; also that the Brest fleet had sailed."

We give the above literally as received from Capt. Merchant.

Extract of a letter from a respectable character in the Havanna, dated February 9, to a gentleman in Philadelphia.

"It was determined last night by this government, that this port should be open for the introduction of the annexed articles; a copy of the decree I have before me in Spanish; the specific articles are exorbitantly high; but the foreign duty of one and twenty per cent. will eat up the profits. For that reason and because they are not here in absolute want of them; as it is merely to procure a vent for the colonial produce; I should advise not to engage unless to gain an entry here.

"A small invoice of butter, cheese, oil, beef, hams, and cod fish, would answer well; the dry goods would also, but they might I think, be deemed contraband in time of war by some of the British Cruizers under the denomination of light sail cloth; the nails will answer extremely well; the shingle nails wrought, and small wrought nails, very well."

The articles above referred to.

Beef, salt fish, pork, oil, tallow, butter, rice, potatoes, cheese, corn, dry goods, Bramantes, coarse brown linens, Brines, Coletas, light canvas, a sort of wide linen cloth, Bayetas, Baize Ruanes. The above articles are admitted into the Havanna upon the foreign duty of one and twenty per cent. and without any particular formalities.

Flour 22 and 23 dolls.
Sugars, brown, 6 dolls. per 100.
White, 8 do.
Molasses, 9½ (suppose reals) per keg containing 5½ galls.
Hides, 1½ dolls.

Carter Braxton, jun. Esq. of King William has offered as a candidate in that district at the approaching election of Representatives in Congress—He is not among those, ("however fashionable it may be") who inveigh against every measure that flows from administration.

DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

In an Address to one of the representatives of this state in Congress is the following passage on the subject of Gratitude to France:

"The French, sir, it is clear, have rendered us vluable services, for which no people ever were more enthusiastically grateful than the Americans; but they are now paying themselves the debt of *gratitude* with the solid *coin* of our countrymen's property, and that too in open violation of a solemn treaty; which certainly is a discharge of every obligation on the score of gratitude; and yet, the people of America wish not to go to war with them. War with any nation, they know, is worse than Peace, even on the terms of submitting to a few depredations on their property."

ANCIENT STORY OF AN INVASION OF ENGLAND.

Sir Richard Baker, in his "Chronicle of the Kings of England," an authority of some note, published in the reign of King Charles II, tells us, that in the month of September in the year 1386, and in the reign of Richard II, "the French had a purpose to "invade England, with no less a hope "than to make a conquest; and to "that end, they prepared a mighty "navy: so that there were numbered about *Sluis, Dam*, and *Denkerke*; "1287 ships, besides those which "were rigged in *Britain** by the "Constable, who had caused an inclosure of a field to be made of timber, that, when they were landed in "England, they might therewith "inclose their field, and so lodge at "more surety. But it so fortuned that "the Lord *Willam Beauchampe*, captain of *Callice*, took two of their "ships, whereof one was laden with "a piece of the said inclosure; and "after that another ship laden with "guns, gun-powder, and other instruments of war; and after that "again, two ships more, laden with "parcels of the said inclosure, which "King Richard caused to be reared "and set up about Winchelsey town. "At last the aforesaid army came into "Flanders, and arrived at Sluis, where "after some stay, they were so distressed for victuals, that in the end "of November they were glad to be "gone, and return into France."

* *Brittany.*

COMMUNICATION.

A correspondent remarks, that a circumstance occurred a few days since, in removing of a frame building thro' the streets, which to every person must be a convincing proof of the impropriety of permitting such things in a populous city; some persons were removing a two and a half story frame, and a large number of men, women and children were collected round it, when suddenly, as it was drawing along, one side of the frame sill gave way, and the building was oversetting, which, in all probability in its fall, would instantly have crushed to death from twenty to thirty of the unwary multitude who surrounded it—but, providentially at the instant it was receiving the very motion of thus canting over, the chain on the opposite quarter broke, and let the building down in a horizontal position;—thus were the lives of a number of persons endangered by removing a frame building, which was not worth, perhaps, 100l. and the fatal catastrophe was providentially prevented, only by what was apparently another accident, happening in the same manner, by the breaking of a chain! how cautious ought people to be of putting the lives of their fellow citizens in such jeopardy—Indeed it is a question whether the Corporation ought not to employ an immediate remedy to prevent the possibility of a similar disaster.

[Por. Gaz.]

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.

ARRIVED.

Ship Alexandria, Bayne, Cadiz.
Brig Commerce, Tuttel, Liverpool.
—— Hope, Lambert, Porto Rico.
Sloop Diana, Pearson, Philadelphia.
—— Saucy Fox, Moore, Norfolk.

CLEARED.

Schooner Trial, Kentee, Philadelphia.

MARRIED.—On Thursday last Mr. George Darling to Mrs. Mazey Isler, both of this town.

TO COVER AT MOUNT VERNON.

TRAVELLER,

A Beautiful dark chesnut bay Stallion, about sixteen hands high, and to be generally known in this part of the country, that I will give no further description of him He will cover at Six Dollars and two thirds of a Dollar, with half a dollar to the groom, for each mare, during the season.

Knight of Malta, Young Royal Gift, and Compound,

Are Jacks of size and form, superior to most of the kind, and well known, to get Mules of great strength and activity. The utility of mules on many accounts, are so generally known, that any further comment is thought unnecessary. These Jacks will cover Mares or Asses at thirteen dollars and one third of a dollar, with half a dollar to the groom for each, during the season, which will commence on the first day of April next, and end the first day of August thereafter.

Good pasturage, under sufficient fence, will be afforded those who request it, at half a dollar per week, for each mare or ass, and the money for covering and pasturage to be paid before the property is carried away.

Gentlemen who may be pleased to send mares or asses to the Stallion or Jacks, may depend on every attention being paid to their property while under my care—but I will not be answerable for accidents nor escapes.

JAMES ANDERSON.
MANAGER.

Mount Vernon, March 14. tf

Samuel Kirk,

TAYLOR AND HABIT-MAKER,
FROM LONDON,

TAKES this opportunity of informing Ladies and Gentlemen, and the Public in general, that he carries on his business in its various branches, and in the most complete and fashionable manner in Royal, near the corner of King Street, where those who honor him with their orders, may rely on his assiduity and attention to give universal satisfaction.

Also, at the same place gentlemen's clothes scowered and prest, and stains or spots taken out of Ladies' silks.

March 14. tf

For Sale,

A THREE Story Brick House on Fairfax Street, adjoining Ricketts & Newton's, occupied at present by Carne and Slade. One third of the purchase mony will be required in June next; the remainder may be paid in instalments with a large credit.—Possession will be given the 21st of August next, or sooner, perhaps, if desired. For further particulars enquire of

ARCH. M'CLEAN.

N. B. If not sold by the 1st of June, the house will be let for one or a term of years.

A. M'C.

March 14. eif

A Person well acquainted with European Goods, and capable of being immediately useful in a wholesale business, may be informed of such a situation by applying to the Printers hereof.

It is presumed none will apply but such as possess the needful qualifications.

March 14. tf

BLANK BONDS FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

Andrew & Wm. Ramsay

Have imported in the brig Dolly, via. New-York from Oporto, ten pipes, ten hhds. and twenty quarter casks of

PORT WINE,

of a very superior quality which they now offer for sale at their warehouse, King-street.

They have also on hand,

Madeira Wine in pipes, hhds. and quarter casks. Lisbon do. in pipes. Teneriffe do. in hhds. Sherry do. in quarter casks. Port do. in bottles and a quantity of well assorted bar iron.

Dec. 6. 4f

Twenty Dollars Reward

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on Wednesday last, the 28th December, a negro man named SAM, about 21 years of age, near six feet high, a stout active fellow, with a brazen countenance, a caulker and ship carpenter by trade. Had on when he went away, a Bath coating round jacket and trousers, the fore finger on one of his hands is much burnt.—It is expected that he has got a forged pass. The above reward will be paid on securing him in any jail, so that I get him again, and reasonable charges if brought home.

JOHN HUGHES.

January 3.

PHILIP WANTON,

RESPECTFULLY informs that he has removed his Merchandize to his Store lately occupied by Janney & Irish, in Prince Street, near Ricketts and Newton's new buildings, where he is opening an extensive assortment of IRONMONGERY. CUTLERY and BRASS WARE, lately received from Europe, and selected from several importations.

Also,

A few tons of Pot metal well assorted,
A quantity of 56's and smaller weights,
Goal Leather,
Excellent Indigo and Dye Stuffs.
Clover and Timothy seed.
Flour Stored, and other Merchandize, received for sale on commission.

N. B. A valuable lot, corner of Fairfax and Wilkes street, will either be sold whole or divided in smaller lots—the terms will be made easy. If not disposed of at private sale, prior to the 15th of 3d month next (March) shall then be sold at public sale.

P. WANTON.

Alex. 24th 1st mo. tf

Great Bargains.

At private sale upon advantageous terms, upon a short credit of 6, 12, and 18 months, the following property, viz.

A two story Brick House

and Lot, now occupied by Mr. Charles Lowndes—this lot is beautifully situated and the house well adapted for a private family.

Eight Lots in Beall's addition to George-Town, they lay adjoining each other, and form an elegant square, in a delightful situation. A two story brick house handsomely finished adjoining the house of Capt. Mackall upon Washington street.

A Tract of Land in Montgomery county, bounding upon Slago, containing about 400 acres at the distance of about 5 miles from George-Town and the Federal City, upon which it is supposed there is an excellent mill seat. One other tract of Land lying upon the road leading from George-Town to Montgomery Court House, at the distance of about 9 miles from the town. The advantages arising from the neighbourhood of the two last mentioned tracts to George-Town and the Federal City, cannot fail to attract the attention of those who wish to secure at moderate rates valuable property.

Titles indisputable will be given, and the prices and other particulars made known, upon application to

WARING & MILLARD.

February 27 tf

Very great Bargains.

THE public are informed that the Goods remaining on hand at the Store under the direction of the subscriber, opposite to M'Knight's tavern will henceforth be sold at prices reduced below the very moderate terms at which they have heretofore been sold. The proprietors being desirous of closing the sales speedily, will accomodate retailers with a credit.

Wm. HICKMAN.

January 7. tf

To be Rented,

For a term of years,

The House and Store on

Harper's wharf, lately occupied by Robert Henderson,—the house is calculated for the accommodation of a family, and as a stand for the Wet Good and Grocery business, there is none superior in town. For terms apply to

JAMES CAVAN.

February 7. tf

To Let,

For a term of three or more years,

That valuable stand for

business, situate on King street, adjoining Mr. David Davey. The lot is 48 feet front, and 80 feet deep, on which is erected a two story brick house, 20 feet in front and 30 feet deep, a cellar under the whole—two rooms on each floor with fire places, a kitchen, bake oven, stable, and other conveniences for a family. Also, a warehouse, 18 feet front by 38 feet deep, with a small garden behind the same. For further particulars apply to

PHILIP MARSTELLER.

January 24. tf

FOR SALE.

A valuable Lot of Ground,

Situate on the north side of King street, adjoining Mr. Charles Page.—Terms, either cash or a liberal credit. Apply to

HUGH SMITH.

March 7. 2w

THE subscribers have imported in the last vessels from London, and Liverpool,

A CONSIDERABLE ASSORTMENT OF

FALL GOODS.

Which they will dispose of on liberal terms, by the piece or package, to punctual men.

Wm. B. MAGRUDER & CO.

George-Town, Nov. 3 entf

To be Rented.

A Two Story Brick House

on the north side of King street, next door to Mr. James Kennedy's, and opposite Mr. David Davey's.—For terms apply to

JESSE TAYLOR.

January 26. tf

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE and Lot, on Fairfax street, in fee simple, lying north, and adjoining to Bryan Hampson's, now occupied by John Duffey.—The lot is 33 feet front, and 100 feet deep. The house is a large 2 story frame, with a back building of brick, with a cellar under the whole. There is also a frame stable on this lot.

One other Lot of Ground on Wolf-street, 80 feet, running back 106 feet 5 inches to a 10 feet alley on which is erected a back frame building, in which Thomas Irwin now resides. This lot is subject to a ground rent of four pounds per annum. For terms apply to

JOHN JANNEY.

A FEW PIPES OF

Teneriffe Wine,

AND

Boston Mess Beef,

To be sold by

Wm. HARTSHORNE & SONS.

Barr Iron by the ton or smaller quantity as usual.

Alex. 2d. mo. 24. tf

COGNIAC Brandy, Hollands Geneva, } in pipes.
Liverpool fine Lisbon, and Alum } Salt.
Spanish Hides, &c.

FOR SALE BY

Fletcher & Otway.

December 31.

JUST RECEIVED,

AND FOR SALE BY

BRYAN HAMPSON,

A quantity of

Sun Raisins in kegs and

boxes—soft shelled Almonds—green Grapes in jars—a quantity of first quality Malaga Wine in quarter casks—Sugar in hhds. and barrels—fresh Lemons in boxes, with a general assortment in the Wet Good and Grocery Line.

February 11. t 1st M.

Flour Store.

THOMAS PETERKIN will Store Flour for any length of time, at six pence per barrel, in the warehouse lately occupied by James M. M'Rea and Co. adoining Messrs. Shreve and Lawrason.

Where he has for sale,

Coarse and Fine Salt, West India & N.E. Rum, Loaf & Brown Sugar, Coffee, Pepper, Indigo, and Salt Petre, London Porter in hampers, Queen's Ware in crates, Tanner's Oil, 3d. and 4d. Nails, fine bushel socks twill'd, 100 barrels Tar.

November 15.

To be Rented,

For one, or a term of years,

Two Three Story Brick

Houses, corner of King and Pitt Streets—the corner house will be rented either altogether, or the dwelling house, the store and one of the back rooms, and the front cellar will be reserved, if a tenant should not want them.—Possession given the 12th of April.

The other house is adjoining that last mentioned, and has a good well finished store room in front of King Street, and has 5 good well finished rooms, besides kitchen and cellars.—Possession may be had immediately—for further particulars apply to

HEPBURN & DUNDAS.

February 23. tm

ADVERTISEMENT.

Will be sold on the 31st day of May next, on the premises, near the Wolf Run Shoals, to the highest bidder for ready money,

166 acres of Land, be-

longing to the estate of John Lenton, dec. to satisfy the Commonwealth's execution against him for duties on Tobacco shipped from the Dumfries warehouse from the year 1783 to 1786.

LEWIS SUMMERS, D. S.

Feb. 28. tdf

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of land containing 116 acres, lying on Cameron Run, distant about 5 miles from Alexandria. The situation is on many accounts eligible—It is remarkably healthy, a convenient distance from the great Newgate road, and commands a pleasing view of the greater part of the valley, through which the Cameron beautifully winds its course. This tract is well proportioned with respect to timber, upland and meadow ground, and has on it such improvements as might be easily adapted for immediate residence. For further particulars apply to

THEOPHILUS HARRIS.

January 3. tf

Charles Carter, and others, Plaintiffs, vs Robert Carter, defendant. } In the High court of Chancery,

THE parties interested have notice that the commissioners appointed by the Court of Chancery, to carry into execution the decree made the day of will proceed on the second Monday in April next, at the house of William Elkridge, at the Town of Centerville, in the county of Loudoun, to make partition of the Lands mentioned in the decree, amongst the plaintiffs, and to state the account between the plaintiffs and the defendant, in conformity to the order of that court.

March 11. 3t

A REGULAR supply of assorted Barr Iron, warranted of a good quality, may now be had on reasonable terms at the Forge, at the Great Falls of Potomac, or at the Store of Messrs. Andrew and William Ramsay in Alexandria.——Orders for particular Iron may be left either with the manager at the works, or with the subscriber in Alexandria—to the execution of which with neatness and dispatch due attention will be paid.

JOHN POTTS.

A Lad of from 14 to 16 years of age, of good conduct and reputable connexions, and who writes a tollerable hand, would be taken as an apprentice to learn the business of managing and keeping the accounts of an Iron work.

February 28, 2w

TO LET.

A WARREHOUSE on King Street, situated between those occupied by Messr. Kemp Hurst & Co. and Mr. Thomas Patten. Also, one on Union Street, with half the privilege of the wharf adjoining it.

JONATHAN SWIFT.

March 11. 3t

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE subscribers beg leave to inform the public and all persons who wish to send flour or any kind of produce to this place, that their warehouses are in order to receive the same, and that they will pay the greatest attention to the receiving and delivery of all goods entrusted to their care, and hold themselves liable for any accident that may befall the articles which are in their warehouses, except that of fire. But they do not, nor ever did hold themselves accountable for the safe delivery of the goods in Alexandria or George-town, but they will use every endeavor to send the produce by such persons as they suppose safe, and who will take good care of what may be put into their care, and will produce the boatmen and waggoner's receipts, but will not hold themselves liable for any claims that may arise in case of accident while the articles sent are in the possession of the boatmen or waggoners.

And we wish to observe to the merchants of Alexandria and George-Town, that such of them as receive flour or any kind of produce from this place, will be liable to us for the storage, or any other necessary charge which may arise on the goods sent, as we have already experienced the difficulty of settling the storage with the owners of the flour, as numbers of persons send produce, and we never have an opportunity of seeing them.

Wm. W. WILLIAMS & CO.
JOSEPH GILPIN.

Matildaville, Feb. 21.

1000 gall. Rye Whiskey,

AND

500 gall. American Gin,

In tierces and quarter casks, for sale by

MACLEOD & YEATMAN.

February 21. tf.

GEORGE DRINKER and SAMUEL STANSBURY having entered into partnership under the firm of

Drinker and Stansbury,

In the store formerly occupied by George Drinker, have now opened a general assortment of Ironmongery, Cutlery and Brass Wares, Castings, &c.

White Lead Ground in Oil
Spanish Brown do. do.
Yellow Ochre do. do.

Red lead; Prussian blue; patent yellow vermilion; verdigrise; chalk; whiting and putty; 7–8, 8–10, 9–11 and 10–12 window glass; powder and shot; copal and common varnish; spirits of turpentine; hatters trimmings; aquia fortis; quick silver; logwood and glue; white soap; mould and dipp'd candles; slates; brushes; corks, &c. &c.

ALSO

A small assortment of DRY GOODS wholesale, consisting of cloths, cassimers, muslins, hosiery, modes, nankeens ribbons &c.

☞ CLOVER SEED for sale.

July 14

Agreeable to the last will and testament of John Talbut dec. will be sold on the 25th day of May next, if fair, if not the next fair day:

A Tract of Land, lying

in Prince George's county, Maryland, about four miles from the Eastern branch, and 8½ miles from Alexandria, being mostly uncleared, and containing 134 acres, binding on the lands of the widow Neal and Capt. Debutts. A particular description of the situation and value of the property is thought unnecessary, those who wish to purchase will no doubt view the premises before the sale. The sale will be on the land, the purchaser to have twelve months credit, on making the payment of the money secure. Attendance will be given by

ANN TALBUT, Executrix,
BENJ. TALBUT, Executor of John Talbut, deceased.

February 18. tM

To be Rented,

On moderate ground rent for ever,

Several valuable Lots of

Ground in good situations for business, lying on King street, and St. Asaph street, between King and Prince streets, enquire of

ABRAHAM FAW.

March 7. 4t

WE have Stores conveniently fitted to receive Flour, and will store it on the customary terms.

MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON.

February 4.

ALEXANDRIA——Printed, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, by ELLIS PRICE and HENRY GIRD, Jun.